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The Secretary
Australian Council for Overseas Aid Human Rights Office
124 Napier St
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE EAST TIMOR PETITION

We have already received some very helpful response to our petition circulated to you earlier this week. In the process it has been pointed out that we have made a couple of errors, both in fact and format, and therefore forward to you now a corrected version.

Firstly, it appears that Fretilin no longer considers itself as 'the sole and legitimate representative of the people of East Timor', so we have deleted our request that the Australian government recognise them as such.

Secondly, we have been informed that the issue of East Timor is already agended for discussion at the United Nations G A and that it is also an item in the up coming meeting of the Commission on Human Rights. Again we have made the necessary correction. However, with respect to Australia's vote at these forums, we consider that these developments make a petition such as this all the more important and trust that you agree.

Thirdly, we have included a pre-amble making the Middle East/East Timor connection more explicit, and added a clause requesting the Australian Government to take the initiative in developing strategies designed to resolve the East Timor conflict.

As a result of these changes we have extended the closing date to October 20 1990.

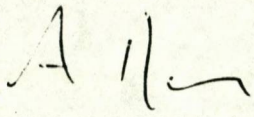
We feel that these additions and deletions have greatly improved the content of the petition and ask, therefore, that you discard

the first petition (containing room for 23 signatures) and circulate the new one (containing room for 22 signatures).

We apologise for any inconvenience we may have caused you and trust that we retain your full support in gaining as many signatures for this petition as possible.

yours sincerely

Leonard Martin



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